

# The Daily Courant.

Friday, April 6. 1705.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated April 9.

From the Camp before Gibraltar, March 11.

**T**HE 7th, about Midnight, the Besieged made a Sally; which being unexpected by us, they presently made themselves Masters of the Head of the Trenches, the Troops we had posted there being dislodg'd from thence, with the Loss of 10 Men kill'd, about as many taken Prisoners, and 45 wounded; However the Enemy were soon beaten back to the Covert-Way, by a strong Detachment of Horse that was made to advance with all possible Diligence. We don't know the Loss they suffer'd in this Action, because they carried with them into the Town all their kill'd and wounded; but we took one of their Soldiers, a Dutchman, who being immediately examin'd, said the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt had caus'd very deep and wide Trenches to be dug behind all those Parts of the Place in which we had made Breaches. The 8th a Portuguese Deserter confirm'd what the Dutch Prisoner had said; adding, that the Garrison had had no Pay in 5 Weeks, and that it had occasion'd great Murmuring among them. About Noon, Advice was brought, that 9 Ships appear'd off Cape Spartel, but that it could not be discover'd what Nation they were of; the Marshal de Thesse presently gave Notice of it to the Baron de Pointis, who had not been able to do any thing with his Squadron against the Town, because of the bad Weather. The 9th in the Morning 4 of the Enemy's Ships with a Bark, were seen coming from the Westward and standing along the Coast of Africk. Whereupon the Baron de Pointis stood out of the Bay towards them, with 6 of his Ships, soon took the Bark, and gave Chace to the Men of War. The 10th 7 Pieces of heavy Cannon brought from Cadix, were landed; That Day we began to cannonade and bombard the Place very vigorously; and the Marshal de Thesse view'd all our Works with great Exactness. To Day, the 11th, the Baron de Pointis is return'd into the Bay with his 6 Ships, not having been able to get up with those of the Enemy, who retir'd under the Cannon of Tangier. We are now advanc'd within 15 Paces of the Covert-Way: But the bad Weather which continues, hinders our approaching so vigorously as is requisite, and fatigues and dispirits our Troops.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 4.

*Madrid, March 20.* 'Tis advis'd from the Camp before Gibraltar, that the continuance of the bad Weather, it having rain'd 6 Days together without Intermission, had retarded the Works begun for perfecting the Attacks; and that the Artillery and Ammunition brought from Cadix, Barcelona, and elsewhere, could not be landed without a great Deal of Trouble. However, the Courage of the Soldiers animated by their Officers has surmounted these Difficulties, and the 11th of this Month, all the Cannon were not only landed, but most of them were plac'd on the Batteries. They wait still for some Vessels from Cadix laden with Powder. The 8th at 11 a Clock at Night, the Besieged made a Sally upon the Head of the Attacks, and surpriz'd the Sentinels:

Notwithstanding which they were vigorously repuls'd, Sword in Hand, to the Covert-Way. In this Action 2 Soldiers were kill'd and 4 wounded. Tho' the Besieged fire very much, the Besiegers had suffer'd but little Loss in 8 Days.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 4.

*From the Camp before Verue, March 21.* Since the Enemy retreated from Crescentino, the Duke of Vendome has caus'd the battering of Verue to be continued, particularly with a Battery of 3 Guns that is rais'd on the Left Bastion of the Fort on the Island, which plays athwart the Donjon, and incommodes the Besieged extremely. They are likewise very much incommoded by the Stones and Bombs thrown in by our Mortars, one of which Bombs blowing up 4 Barrels of Powder, kill'd 7 of their Men, and wounded 5 or 6. The Duke of Vendome has been unwilling to cause a general Assault to be made, because he is inform'd by Deserters, by the Inhabitants of Crescentino, and by other Advices, that the Besieged were in Want of Provisions, being allow'd but half the Quantity of Bread they us'd to have daily; nor can they be allow'd even that longer than this Month. The Garrison would have turn'd out their useless Mouths, but the Duke of Vendome caus'd them to be driven back into the Place, and has dug a Trench round to prevent the Garrison's escaping. In the Mean time he lets his Troops rest, after the Fatigues they have endur'd in a very difficult Siege, during a very hard Winter, with extraordinary Patience. He has order'd a Bridge to be laid over the Po, above Verue, and it is to be ready to morrow. The Besieged fire from 2 Pieces of Cannon only.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated April 11.

*From the Camp before Verue, March 27.* Deserters now report, that the Besieged must of Necessity be oblig'd to yield up the Place by the beginning of next Month, for want of Provisions; in Expectation of which we forbear all Action. The Quarters into which our Foot are to march after this Place is taken, are already appointed; and 'tis talk'd that when the Recruits and Reinforcements we expect are arriv'd, our Army will march towards Turin.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated April 10.

*Amsterdam, April 10.* The Advices from Vienna, leave no room to doubt of Prince Eugene's going to Italy; and if he set forward before Easter, as those Advices give us Hopes, 'tis to be presum'd he will without Loss of Time march to succour the Duke of Savoy. The Prussian Troops that have pass'd the Danube, in Number 6000 Men, continue their March towards Tirol. The 2000 that tarry behind to receive the Remainder of the Contributions, are to follow them with other Troops with all Expedition. The Emperor's Generals and Commissaries hasten the Demolition of the Fortifications and Evacuation of the Arsenals of the Places of Bavaria; that there may be no need to leave any considerable Number of Troops in that Country to keep it quiet. They write from Tirol, that there passes through that Country Daily, great Store of Ammunition drawn out of the Arsenals of Bavaria, for the Service



vice of the Imperial Army commanded by Count Leiningen; and also many Recruits to join that Army.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated April 7.

*Ausburg*, March 29. The Prussian Troops that are marching for Italy, take their Way to Tirol through the Territory of Munich, that being the shortest Route. They were offer'd 10000 Crowns, on Condition they would pass by the Way of Aicha, Landsberg, &c. But the Money was refus'd; the Officer that commands them being resolv'd not to lose Time by going further about than he needs.

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*Ratisbon*, April 2. The Prussian Troops continue their March towards Italy by easy Day's Journeys; except 2 Regiments that are totally behind till their Demands of Money in lieu of the Winter Quarters they pretend they were to have had some time longer, be satisfied. The Court of Vienna being inform'd by Letters from Baron Sirmay, that the Malecontents of Hungary will not hearken to any Proposals of Peace, unless the Emperor will grant their former Demands, they begin to talk again there that all the Imperial Troops that are left in Bavaria will be order'd to march to Hungary; and that, to maintain Peace in Bavaria, and prevent the Designs of turbulent Persons, all the fortified Places in it, except Ingolstadt, will be demolish'd; and all the Artillery and Ammunitions in them, will be sent to Italy and elsewhere. Some Bavarians that are disaffected to the Emperor, convey'd away a Cannon the other Night from the other side of the River over against Munich; and the Imperialists can't discover where they have hid it.

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*Triers*, March 30. The French continue to lay up great Stores of Ammunition and Provisions in their Frontier Towns. The 28th Instant they sent from Luxemburg a great Number of Waggon's loaded with Provisions, for Thionville; whence they are to bring Ammunitions back to Luxemburg. There are 41 Battallions and 14 Regiments of Horse and Dragoons, in Luxemburg, Longwy, Thionville, and Metz: And more Troops are expected there from the Netherlands.

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*Triers*, April 5. The Marshal de Villars is return'd from Thionville to Metz; he threatens to attack this City with a numerous Army, but the Generals of the Allies that are here are in no fear of him, having made fir Preparations to give him a warm Reception. The bad Weather we have had for some days past, will retard the opening of the Campaign. The Moselle being swell'd by Snow and Rain, is so Rapid at present that no Vessel can come up it. Our Workmen have been oblig'd to defer the perfecting of the Lines made for the Security of this Place, till the Weather grow fair.

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*Cologne*, April 3. 'Tis reported for certain, that 20000 English and Dutch, all chosen Troops, are speedily to draw together near Ruremonde, in order to march up to the Moselle.

From the Paris Letter, dated April 6.

*Paris*, April 6. We have nothing new relating to the Siege of Verue or that of Gibraltar. But the 4th at Night Monsieur de Gabaret, a Sea Officer arriv'd Post at Versailles from Madrid; and since his Arrival a Report is spread that there has been an Action at Sea near Gibraltar, but no Particulars are talk'd of. We are assur'd indeed, that when Monsieur de Gabaret had deliver'd this News (whatever it is) to the King of Spain at Madrid, his Majesty took a Ring from his Finger and gave it him. Some say the Advice he brings, is of a Tempest, in which the Enemy suffer'd very much. The Mar-

shal de Villeroy took Leave of the King yesterday, and to-morrow will set out for Brussels; his long stay here makes it believ'd the Campaign will begin on the Moselle, and that the Troops of the King's Household are order'd to keep near enough to the Marshal de Villars to join him at a short warning. At the same time, the Letters from the Netherlands say, the King of Spain's Troops in that Country, are absolutely compleat, and consist of 50 Battallions and 72 Squadrons; the 10 Battallions and 23 Squadrons of the Troops of the Electors of Bavaria and Cologne, being included in that Number.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated April 11.

*Paris*, April 6. The 4th Instant at Night, Monsieur de Gabaret, a Sea Officer, arriv'd at Court Post from Madrid; the News he brings is endeavour'd to be kept secret; but by so much of it as has taken Air, it sufficiently appears there has been an Engagement between the Squadron commanded by Monsieur de Pointis and a Squadron of the Enemy, very much to our Disadvantage. 'Tis pretended, in Favour of Monsieur de Pointis, that he had but 14 Men of War, 7 others being separated from him by a hard Wind, and that the Enemy had 20. Letters from Marseilles tell us 6 Ships of Monsieur de Pointis's Squadron are come in there, and that the Commanders of them say they don't know where the rest are. 'Tis taken for granted now, that the Siege of Gibraltar must of necessity be rais'd.

*Harwich*, April 4. The Packet-Boat from Holland brings an Account, that his Grace the Duke of Marlborough landed there on Monday the 2d Instant in the Afternoon; and that all the Transports were also arriv'd.

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